

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES THURSDAY, DEC. 4, 2014

Members Present: John Aleshunas, Glen Bauer, Ted Green, Don Conway-Long, Tori Meyer, Anne Geraghty-Rathert, Terri Reilly, Chris Sagovac, J.P. Schuyler, Jill Stulce, Keith Welsh

Gwyneth Williams, Faculty Senate President, Presiding

I. Budget Report (Joe Stimpfl)

Joe Stimpfl presented a report on recent budget meetings that he has attended on behalf of the University faculty. Current budget issues and possible ways to offset the crisis were discussed: larger class sizes, better marketing, more online offerings are among the topics that were discussion.

II. Minutes

- A. Senate Minutes, Oct. 30, 2014- minutes were approved by unanimous consent.
- B. Senate Minutes, Nov. 4, 2014- minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

III. Announcements

- A. The Faculty Senate is invited to meet with Provost Schuster, Dec. 9, 2014, 4:30 pm, originally 5pm
- B. The December Toast will be held on Dec. 19, 2014, 4:30 pm at the CMS.
- C. The Faculty Senate Meeting will be held next Thurs., Dec. 11, 2014, 1pm – 2:45pm.
- D. The Grand Opening of the Financial Resource Center, will be at 10:45 am on Dec. 12, 2014.
- E. A Town Hall meeting to announce the new strategic plan will be held at 3pm, Winifred Moore.

IV. Replacements:

- A. Victoria Meyer, on leave Spring 2015. Will need replacements for:
 - 1. Faculty Senate seat (SOC)
 - 2. Women and Gender Studies
- B. Carla Colletti, who is on parental leave for Spring 2015 will still participate in the GCP seat she holds currently.

V. Nominee to Adjunct seat, Faculty Assembly

Michael Burns from Nurse Anesthesia, was recommended by Jill Stulce to serve on the Faculty Assembly. This appointment for a two-year term was approved by unanimous consent.

VI. Honors Board Handbook description

The proposed change in handbook language dealing with university honors was discussed. Several changes to the proposal were made. The new language was approved by unanimous consent. Eliminated one sentence, Honors Board will determine the criteria.

VII. Contingent Faculty Issues

The senate task force on contingent faculty was discussed. The decision was made to reformulate the task force with a more precisely and narrowly defined mission. Aspects of contingent faculty assessment and contingent faculty support will be central to the new mission. The reformulation of the contingent faculty task force was approved by unanimous consent.

VIII. Preliminary Report on EM Pay Survey

There have been 124 respondents to the survey on EM pay. The Provost has indicated that he would like the results of the EMP survey in order to present the findings to the Compensation Committee of the Board of Trustees. Questions about the survey were discussed, including: When can the EMP policy be implemented? Specific aspects of the preliminary survey findings were discussed. J. P. Palmer- Schuyler will give a full report on the survey at the December 11 senate meeting. 124 total respondents

The meeting adjourned at 3:32 pm.